

THUNDERBOLT HAS FINISHED RACING

Last Day Characterized by Clash Between Two Sets of Officers.

SAVANNAH, GA., January 28.—The last day of the Thunderbolt race meet was characterized by a clash between the county authorities and special officers who guarded the doors. They demanded admittance to the deputy sheriffs of the county, and were placed under arrest. The afternoon was slightly cool, but a big crowd was out. The only betting was by hand books. None of the finishes was exciting.

First race—purse \$150, three-year-olds and up, selling, six furlongs—(1) to (2) first, Springfrog (4 to 1) second, Tomochick (5 to 2) third. Time, 1:13 4-5.

Second race—purse \$150, three-year-olds and up, selling, mile and a quarter—(1) to (2) first, Autumn Flower (9 to 5) second, Clifton Forge (3 to 1) third. Time, 2:15.

Third race—purse \$150, three-year-olds and up, selling, six furlongs—(1) to (2) first, Lady Ripple (2 to 1) second, Whisk Broom (1 to 2) third. Time, 1:17 4-5.

Fourth race—purse \$150, three-year-olds and up, selling, one mile—Anna Buns (3 to 1) first, Springfrog (4 to 1) second, Galileo (6 to 5) third. Time, 1:44.

Fifth race—purse \$150, three-year-olds and up, selling, one mile—Ora Sudduth (7 to 1) first, Meeres (5 to 1) second, O'Flarney (5 to 2) third. Time, 1:45 3-5.

FIRST GAME OF SEASON TO-DAY

Theatrical Talent to Play Ball at Broad Street Park To-Day.

Baseball enthusiasts will have a chance to witness the opening game of the season this afternoon at Broad Street Park, when the Bijou Pets line up against the crack team of the "King Casey" company. The game will be called at 2:30 o'clock, with Barfoot and Sawyer opposing each other in the box.

This contest promises to be a winner, as the actors claim they have the best aggregation in the theatrical world, while the Bijou players are confident that they will be able to take the "King Caseys" into camp in a walk. The actors also claim that the proverbial "Casey at the Bat" means no food for them, as their past record is a food one.

The crowds made will be out in full force to root for their side and also to vend the very necessary peanuts and confections. While the umpire has not been selected as yet, the job will very likely fall to the lot of Harry C. Wainwright, who has acted as umpire of an old and wise one in the business.

The proceeds of the game will go to the fund for the Italian earthquake sufferers.

The teams will line up as follows: "King Caseys"—Joy, first base; Maxwell, second base; Tom, third base; Kohl, shortstop; Coleman, right field; Dermis, center field; Lawrence, left field; Barfoot, pitcher; Kelley, catcher.

Bijou Pets—Knowles, first base; Bowman, second base; L. Jones, third base; Jones, shortstop; Nelson, right field; Bass, center field; Moseley, left field; Sawyer, pitcher; Leibs, catcher.

DAVIDSON'S SCHEDULE

Sirous Bunch of Teams Will Be Met by North Carolinians.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DAVIDSON, N. C., January 28.—The first of the series of class games was played here yesterday between the juniors and freshmen. It was a rather one-sided affair, the juniors showing surprising strength considering the short time they have prepared.

March 23—Raeford Institute, at Davidson.
March 27—Oak Ridge, Winston.
March 29—Catawba College, Davidson.

April 1—Richmond College, Salisbury.
April 3—Guilford College, Charlotte.
April 5—University of South Carolina, Columbia.

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April 7—Newberry College, at Newberry, S. C.
April 8th—Wake Forest, Charlotte.
April 9th—Oak Ridge, Davidson.

April 10th—University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.
April 12th—Guilford, Greensboro.
April 13th—University of South Carolina, Davidson.
April 14th—Eaton College, Davidson.
April 17th—A. and M. of N. C., Charlotte.

April 20th—Eaton College, Greensboro.
April 21st—A. and M. of N. C., Charlotte.
April 23d—Mercer University, Davidson.
April 24th—Mercer University, Statesville.

April 27th—Richmond College, Richmond, Va.
April 28th—University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.
April 29th—W. and L. University, Lexington, Va.
April 30th—V. M. L. Lexington, Va.
May 1st—Roanoke College, Roanoke, Va.

PREPARING FOR SEASON

Winchester Hopes to Repeat Baseball Success of Last Season.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINCHESTER, VA., January 28.—At a meeting of the local baseball fans, held at Fairfax Club, last night an organization was effected to support Manager "Sandy" Baker and his ball-club, and to insure another fast team at Reservoir Park this coming season. A number of players have already signed, and Mr. Baker expects a lineup equal to that of last summer, which took the Virginia League pennant winners into camp and won the State championship.

Will Declare It Void

WILLEMSTAD, CURACAO, January 28.—President Gomez, on the 22d of January, issued a decree declaring void the existing monopoly for the manufacture of cigarettes in Venezuela, and permitting every one to import tobacco and manufacture it. He declared further that Venezuela planters were entirely free to raise and prepare their own tobacco.

GOOD SCHEDULE FOR RACE CIRCUIT

Hard Job to Select Dates for Maryland and Virginia Tracks.

BALTIMORE, MD., January 28.—The annual meeting of the Maryland and Virginia race circuit was held yesterday at the Hotel Rennett. It was a prolonged session, the yearly puzzle of apportioning dates for the various fair and race meetings proving a bone of contention.

Some sections wanted their meetings when the potato crop was gathered and paid for; others insisted that when tomatoes were gathered, and when the farmers were not busy; others when the summer boarders were in their country; others when the people had returned from their summer vacations; others wanted the circuit so arranged that their track would be a slightly nearer shipping point from the previous week's meeting; others wanted to embrace holidays in their week's dates; others wanted to follow a previous fair so they could secure a portion of exhibits of the farmers, farm machinery, live stock, etc.

The week of the 27th was opposed to dates which made their track conflict with meetings in Pennsylvania and other nearby States, and some wanted to be assigned dates because in previous years they had the corresponding dates and did not want to change.

All in all, it was a pretty complex situation, and to add to the perplexity there were two new Richmond in the field, Mr. D. J. Ward, of Salisbury, Md., was present and stated that a racing association, known as the Wisconsin Fair Association, had been formed; that it was constructing fair grounds and a racing track near the Gates. He said the association was well backed financially by Wisconsin people, and was willing to have the track on the Eastern Shore end of the circuit.

Complication after complication ensued, and finally the following schedule was agreed upon:

Norfolk, Va.—July 27 to 28.
Tazewell, Va.—August 3 to 4.
Pocomoke, Md.—August 10 to 11.
Salisbury, Md.—August 17 to 23.
Eastern, Md.—August 24 to 27.
Rockville, Md.—August 21 to 29 September 2.

Timonium, Md.—September 7 to 11.
Prospect Park, Pa.—14 to 12.
Hanover, Pa.—August 21 to 24.

The Hanover dates are contingent on the sanction of the Hanover Association and the decision of the Hanover board to become a member of the circuit.

The track representatives were: Norfolk—W. T. Wright.
Tazewell—S. J. Twilley and W. P. King.
Pocomoke—John H. Hester and W. H. Hester.
Rockville—Lee Oratt.
Timonium—Alexander McCormack.
Prospect Park—J. T. Coughlin.
Salisbury—D. J. Ward.
Hanover—C. S. Shirk.

Mr. Covington made a noble fight to get the circuit to include the new track worked hard for Tazewell, and finally produced the olive branch which brought peace from the circuit in a position in which the meeting was flourishing.

The circuit in the last year has been unfortunate. Colonel Robert Hough, who had been a steady rider, died. Mr. John F. Anderson succeeded him, and he also died.

If an election of officers Mr. James T. C. Anderson, son of the late secretary, was elected to the secretaryship.

Other officers elected were: President, Hett A. Brehm; Vice-President, D. H. Rice; President Brehm was added to the committee on publication of which D. H. Rice, and John H. Hester were former members. Messrs. Rice and Conglar were tendered a vote of thanks for the excellent manner in which they had conducted the work in 1908. All rules formerly made were decided in force.

By the schedule of dates made Eastern will conflict with Tazewell. In the last two years Rockville and Tazewell have conflicted. The circuit looks like a most likely one to flourish. The most shipments there is not a distance of 200 miles from the first to the last.

ALBEMARLE CLUB HAS FIRST DRAG

Delightful Hunt Breakfast Served at Ingleside by "Billy" Garth.

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., January 28.—The first drag since December, owing to wretched weather, was ridden this afternoon over a stiff course by members of Albemarle County Hunt and their guests. The meet was at Stevens Crossing, on Ivy Road, with a fine run across Watson's Farm into Farmington and up the White Hill Road to the finish at Ingleside.

The breeding establishment of "Billy" Garth, the noted trainer, where a delightful breakfast was enjoyed by over fifty guests. Riders had all the pace and jumping they could wish for.

Among those riding and finishing well up with the hounds were: Algy Craven, master of the hunt, on a green horse; the first rider, Charles H. Harbridge, first whip, on Krenilia; Robert Croe, second whip, on Albemarle; Mrs. William Pitts, on Latinal; Miss Bertha Garth, on Lady Smith; Charles H. Harbridge, on Whack; Mr. Bennett, of Warrenton, on Broadus; Dan Andrews, on Tonka; Arthur White, Jr., on Northway; Tim Wise, on Chief; Lewis Garth, on Jimmie; Granger Gaitner, on Virginia; Fred Campbell, on Tommy Waddell; William H. Balz, on Retort. The last named rode a steppe chasser.

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HOUND PERFORMS WONDERFUL STUNT

Finds Way Home from Kentucky to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., January 28.—Almost starved to death and her feet sore and bleeding, Seminole, a three-time prize winner in the National Fox Hound Association trials, returned here to the home of her owner, Judge C. Floyd Huff, after having been lost in the last annual trial at Gray Orchard, Ky., two months ago. The fact of the incident puts to shade many of the Roosevelt nature stories.

More than two months ago Seminole, an aged hound, was put in a crate here and sent by express to participate in the national trials. Leading the pack in the chase of Reynard she never returned. Judge Huff advertised in every weekly paper in that section of Kentucky, offering rewards for the return of his dog. Hope was finally abandoned. Yesterday she stalked into the yard of her owner completely exhausted. She swam the Mississippi and Arkansas Rivers on her return.

Such a fox hound shipped by express to such a far-away point should find her way home adds to the interest. Everything else but the fact that the hound was last heard of in the Kentucky hills chasing a fox and two months later arrived here almost dead is left for conjecture. It could not have been the scent that directed the return. Carrier pigeons had heretofore had the exclusive record for such feats in fact, and cats in fancy. The dog is the pedigreed mother of some of the best hounds in the Derby trials of the past two years.

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VETERAN UMPIRE MAY QUIT HIS JOB

Hank O'Day Has Not Yet Signed—Lively New York Fan Talk.

NEW YORK, January 28.—Hank O'Day, one of the National League's veteran umpires, and whose closely watched Merkle on the eventual afternoon of September 23, 1908, and made affidavit that the youngster did not touch second base in the ninth inning of what should have been the last Chicago-New York tussle, may not be on Harry Pulliam's arbitrating staff next season. Hank has not signed in his contract to Pulliam, and unless he does so by next Saturday Pulliam will get busy and sign another man in the veteran's place. President Pulliam is back in New York after a flying trip to Cleveland, and a less hurried one to Ottawa, where he witnessed the trotting races on the ice and saw one hockey game. Incidentally he presented his membership in the Rogers Club, of Ottawa, which threatened to have him up before the national commission for refusing to report, and bought a fur-lined coat.

Pulliam will not say what is behind Hank O'Day's dereliction in sending in his signed contract, whether the noted arbitrator is after more money or is tired of being alternately praised and hooted by the crowds for the decisions he gives. Harry, however, came to time to-day with two significant remarks regarding Hank.

One was that the veteran had until next Saturday in which to climb into the umpirical band wagon, and the other that Hank last year drew twice as much money from the National League treasury as when Harry took control of the destinies of the senior league. The National League will not sign O'Day unless he signs with Pulliam. Failing to hear from Hank by Saturday night, Harry C. will throw out his grappling hooks for an eighth member.

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